WHEELING, W. VA., MONDAY, MAY 18, 1896.

CONFEREES AGREE

On the Elkins Rivers and Harborn

ALL THE ITEMS WILL BE PASSED

In which this State and the Ohio Valley are Interested.

MR. WILSON MAYBE NOMINATED

District - The Administration Crowd Slates Professor Fowler for Congress in this District - "His Defeat will See Less Like a Sacrifice"-St. Clair and Wiley Third and Fourth District Can didates, Respectively-Our "Big Four

Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer. WASHINGTON, D. C., May 17.—The conference of the house and senate committees on the rivers and harbors bill agreed yesterday to the amendments proposed by Senator Elkins in the interest of the Monongahela river, nd had progressed so far as to pass all the items in which West Virginia interested. This means that the bill is not likely to meet with opposition any where, unless it may be at the white house, and within the last few days it has been whispered about that even the President will not want to do a thing so unpopular as to veto the measure, but will permit it to become a law without his signature.

The Congress is in no temper to en-tertain Mr. Cleveland's objections to tertain Mr. Cleveland's objections to this particular bill without registering an emphatic protest on its own account, and the majority over a veto will be enough and to spare. When the full force of this legislation and its incalculate benefit to West Virginia come to be fully realized, it will be a campaign argument, the application of which will need neither oratory nor newspaper comment to enforce. This was aptly optomised yesterday by an enthusiastic citizen of the state, who is not a Republican, when he said:

"William L. Wilson has had the opportunity since 1832 to at least try to do as much for the state, and he didn't even try. More has been done since last December, even if the bill should now fall, than he accomplished in twelve years.

Notwithstanding this view must be held by many others, there is still talk in the inner circles of the Washington end of the state Democratic machine that "Mr. Wilson must again accept the nomination for Congress in his district." forgetful of the fact that "his district has passed to other hands.

Watts and Wells.

District Attorney Watts and Marshal Wells. this particular bill without registering

District Attorney Watts and Marshal Wells, both registered at the National Wells, both registered at the National yesterday. It may therefore be supposed that the Watts gubernatorial boom requires protection and this the marshalls doubtless willing to afford officially, but he cannot be for anybody but Colonel Smith. In fact, he is presumed to be doing a good deal of hustling for the Marion county candidate as he passes about through the stage.

This leads to another observation which is upon pretty good authority, that Prof. "Jim" Fowler is in a fair way to receive the favor of the Washington office-dispensing syndicate in support of his aspirations for the nomination for Congress in the First dis-

aims of the few known candidates ere canvassed and Professor IIm" seemed to be the most kely of them all; "because;" so one man put it, "Fowler's efeat will seem less like a secrifice." e may understand what that means, ut the inference is admittedly obsure.

Another bit of gossip is that Genera Another bit of gossip is that General St. Clair can have the congressional nomination in the Third district if he wants it. Why he shouldn't want it is not explained, but with this clue to work on it may be said that if the managers can have it their way the four nominees will be Fowler, Wilson, St. Clair and Wiley.

Back at Work.

Messra Dovener and Dayton returned yesterday from participation in the three big recent conventions, each ready three big recent conventions, each ready to do what might be required of him in support of the rivers and harbors bill.

Mr. Dovener, being a member of the committee, has a double interest in R, while Mr. Dayton, who has given it constant attention, is anxious for that immediate constituency of his whose future prosperity will be so largely argumental by the long-needed improvement of the Monongahela.

Congressmen Huling and Miller, who were detained by private business, will be here to-morrow, and it is very certain that when the subsequent ballots are taken on the bill the "big four" will help swell the majority.

Messra, H. N. Lambert, of New Cumberland, and H. S. Benson, of Charleston, are registered at the National.

WEEK IN CONGRESS.

The Programme Includes the Conference

River and Harbor Report. WASHINGTON, D. C. May 17.—The present week in the senate bids fair to be given up largely to matters pertain ing to the District of Columbia. The will consume considerably more time and when it is disposed of, the District appropriation bill will be taken up if it

and when it is disposed of, the District appropriation bill will be taken up if it is not cut out by the conference report on the legislative bill.

It is expected that the District appropriation bill will lead to considerable discussion. There are numerous items in it which will call for explanation and provoke antagonism; not the least of which is the amendment changing, the house provision cutting off the specific appropriations for charitable institutions. It is sileged that many of these concerns are sectarian and there will be an effort to have the house provision frestored.

It is expected that there will be an effort to have the legislative, executive and judicial appropriation bill recommitted for further consideration of the provision in regard to United States commissioners as the house provision, which the senate conferens have accepted is distantique to many of the senatory.

and the conference reports on other appropriation bills are disposed of. They do not contemplate giving way to other bills except those to which no opposition is made until the last of the appropriation bills shall be passed. There are still three appropriation bills which have not received the attention of the senate. These are the District of Columbia, Fortifications and general deciency.

The house will probably devote much of its time during the week to the con-sideration of conference reports on apsideration of conference reports on ap-propriation bills. It is expected that the conference reports on both the na-val and river and harbor bills will be presented and on both lively fights are anticipated. The senate amendments to the latter bill placing haif a dozen additional projects under the contract system at a cost of about \$12,000,000 will attract the bulk of the opposition, and in case the senate does not yield to the house on the naval bill in respect to the number of new battle ships to be auhouse on the naval bill in respect to the number of new battle ships to be authorized another attempt will be made by the economists of the house to agree to the senate's reduction. If the senate conferees yield, however, the matter will be practically beyond the jurisdiction of the house.

It may be that the committee on rules will arrange for the consideration of the immigration bill this week if opportunity offers. The Murray-Elliott contested election case from the Fifth

nity offers. The Murray-Elliott contested election case from the Fifth South Carolina district, is also scheduled for consideration this week. The majority report unseats Elliott. To-morrow is committee suspension day and a variety of matters may be brought forward.

The impression is growing about the capitol that the silver men will soon take a position against final adjournment before the national conventions. The movement embraces silver advocates in both houses and of all parties. There has been no formal agreement so

cates in both houses and of all parties. There has been no formal agreement so far, but there has been a general exchange of views and there is no doubt that some of the leaders hold the opinion that it will be wise to postpone adjournment until there shall be opportunity to know what position the conventions will take on the financial

FINISHING THEIR WORK.

The A. P. A. May Make Permanent Head-quarters in Washington.

quarters in Washington. WASHINGTON, May 17.—Many of the members of the supreme council of the American Protective Association have left for their homes, but over a hundred yet remain to finish up the business to-morrow, which includes the election of officers and the selection of a place for holding the next annual meeting. There seems now to be no longer any doubt that the next convention will be held here, and there is talk of an amendment to the constitution to be proposed at the gathering in 1897, providing for the belding of the yearly sensions in this city. Where the parent hody of the order locates, it seems reasonably certain that the Women's American Protective Association will establish permanent headquarters. The women's association holds its next annual meeting in this city in October. After final adjournment the now executive board, which consists of the first six of the newly elected supreme officers, will meet and audit, the books of the past supreme officers, and outline the work and policy of the order for the ensuing year. hundred yet remain to finish up the

sting year.

The McKinley matter is still the uppermost talk among the holdover delegates. Several strong adherents of the Ohio candidate are angry at the tenor of the report and the fact of its publica-

Some of the Democrats among the del-egates find fault with the advisory board's report because it mentions only Republican candidates for the presiden-tial nomination as being worthy of the support of the A. P. A.

COAL PRODUCTION.

The Statistics for 1803 Show a General Increase. WASHINGTON, D. C., May 17.—Mr.

E. W. Parker, statistician of the United States Geological Survey, has completed the compilation of the statistics of coal production in the United States during the calendar year 1895. The total output from all mines was 171,-804,704 long tons of 192,421,311 short tons, having a total value at the mines of \$197,572,477. This shows an increase \$197,572,477. This shows an increase over the production in 1594 of about 19,350,000 long tons or nearly 22,000,000 short tons and an increase in value of about \$11,500,000. The output of aninracite coul in Pennsylvania increased from 46,358,144 long tons in 1894 to 51,755,122 long tons in 1895, a gain of over 5,400,000 long tons. The value increased only about \$3,500,000 from \$78,488,083 to \$82,019,272, showing that anthracite coal was cheaper in 1895 than in 1894. The product of bituminous coal in

The product of bluminous coal in-creased from 118,820,465 short tous of 2,000 pounds in 1894 to 134,421,927 short tons in 1895, a gain of over 15,500,000 tons. The value increased about 8,000,000. There was an increased pro-duction in all but five of the twentytons. The value increased about \$8,006,000. There was an increased production in all but five of the twenty-nine coal-producing states. Alabama and Pennsylvania, showed phenomenal galos of more than 25 per cent, Alabama increasing from 4,307,178 short tons in 1894 to 5,679,775 tons in 1896, with a valuation of \$5,348,795, and Pennsylvania from 33,912,463 short tons to 50,017,446 short tons valued at \$35,302,578. The states in which a decreased product was shown were Georgia, Kansas, North Dakota, West Virginia and Wyoming. The principal loser was Kansas. The decreases in the other states were slight.

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The product among the other leading coal states was: Illinois 17,735,384, value 314,229,187; Ohio 13,376,137; value \$10,-637,553, and West Virginia 11,424,863, value \$7,787,120.

SUFFERING SPANIARDS.

Fallure of Almost the Entire Wheat Crop in Spain.
WASHINGTON, D. C., May 17,--Com-

ing immediately upon the severe drain of resources caused by the Cuban rebellion the Spanish people have now to

heilion the Spanish people have now to face the prospect of an almost total loss of the wheat crop, caused by drought and insects. United States Consul Burke at Mala-ga writes to the state department that a new insect pest as destructive to wheat as the phyloxerra is to the grape wheat as the phyloxerra is to the grape has ravaged the cross in several provinces, while owing to a severe drought not only will the entire wheat crop be a total failure, but there will be a shortage of every other crop of grain. The poor are suffering much and unless the rain comes the wine and fruit crops will become a total loss, and great suffering and want will prevail throughout the whole country. Efforts will be made to have the government reduce or remove the import grain duties and heavy imports must be made during the current year.

It is expected that the conference resort on the river and harbor bill will seemed early in the week, but whether his will consume much time will define upon how much of the senate and times the senate conferees may consider to those of the house. The senate managers are still disposite to press the appropriation bills to the exclusion of other businessi and will have the fortifications bill ready to take up as soon as the District bill. WASHINGTON, May 17.—Shomas C. Platt arrived here last night and re-turned to New York this afternoon During his stay in Washington he was

SPANISH REPORTS

Continue to Kill Off Insurgents Without Mercy.

'OFFICIAL" ACCOUNTS COLORED

Evidently, for Only Cuban Losses Are Number of Engagements. Editors' Fines Remitted in Honor of the Birthday of the Young King of Spain-Insurgents Charged with Hanging Persons for Refusing to Burn Cane

HAVANA, May 17.—To-day is the tenth aniversary of the birth of King Alfonso XIII, and in order to celebrate that event, the fines of which have been laid upon the Cuban press have been re-

Later developments have been rein Matanzas.

in Matanzas.

The local forces of Limonar made a recounaisance after the engagement and
found nineteen more bodies of insurgents, besides the fifteen bodies which
were left on the field. Reliable information has been received here by the authorities that the insurgent leader Cepero was seriously wounded, besides
one insurgent captain being killed. The
insurgent leader Gavilan is also seriously wounded.

Near Punto Braya, in Alexander

Near Punto Brava, in Havana prov rons of cavalry surprised a band of in-surgents who left thirteen killed when they retired.

surgents who left thirteen killed when they retired. It is supposed that the insurgent leader Deigado was killed or wounded, as the cavalry captured his saddled horse and some of his letters, which were stained with blood.

Captain Rabadan met the insurgent band of Sanguilly at Mount Castella, near Aguacateon, Havana, and killed four insurgents. The Spanish column had eight wounded.

It is learned that the insurgents have hanged a number of negroes because they proved unwilling to burn canefields.

The column of Colonel Alonzo, passing

The column of Colonel Alonzo, passing by Giuniea de Miranda, in Santa Clara pursued a band of insurgents and came up with them six separate times, indicting upon them a loss of twenty-six killed. Among these was the leader Eligie Pita. The column of troops had four wounded.

Pita. The column of troops had lou-wounded.
Major Gandines has been operating over the country about Vertoentes and Jacobo and Boca de Jabuco, in the province of Santiago de Cuba. He met Delgado's insurgent band, numbering 800, and after a fight put them to flight. They left twenty-eight killed. The Spanish column had one killed and eight wounded.
Small skirmishes have resulted in twelve insurgents being killed and ten of them have surrendered with their arms.

of them have surrendered with their arms.

Major Fondevilla has fought the band of Cardenas at Cruz del Patro. The insurgents had five killed.

Advices from Matanzas say that the insurgents have burned the Guanalana. The farms of Fantel, Casualidad and Destino, which were valued at millions of dollars, and they have hanged Juen Delado Gomes, the proprietor.

After the engagement between Colonels Palanca and Segura with Gomez, Zayas, Alberto, Rojas and other insurgent leaders, in which the insurgents sustained a great loss, it is learned that the insurgents marched towards Vueltas, in Santa Clara, near a place called Guans.

Guama.

The insurgents at Barbaras number 5,000 cavalry and infantry. The majority of them are very poorly clothed. There were distributed there 500,000 carridges, which were brought by Carrillo and half of which were intended for Maceo; also, one rabid for gamen. rillo and half of which were intended for Maceo; also, one rapid fire cannon. Carrillo will lead the van-guard of Gomez's forces and Zayas, the rear guard, and each will be six miles from Gomez's main force. The flanks will be guarded by Rogello Castillo and Rodriguez.

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General Obrezon, with a Spanish force, has passed through Guaracabulla, in Santa Cira, and It is thought probable that he will overtake Gomes.

The insurgents have burned the plan-tation of Zaza and the kanefields of Tomps Ancizar.

A TERRIBLE RIOT

Near Mozleton, Pa.-Six Persons Shot and a Number Hurt. HAZLETON, Pa., May 17.-Six per

sons were shot and a number of others seriously injured during a riot at Mac-Adoo, a town four miles from here, this atternoon. The injured are: Joseph Ward, shot in knee; Thomas Kairus, shot in arm: James Muldowney, finger shot off; Burke Brennan, shot in shoulders; James Brennan, shot in arm; Mary Burke, shot in back; Antonio Riszio, nose broken; Mrs. Rose Vischlo,

zio, nose broken; arts. Aose scalp wound.

A game of base ball was in progre when a gang of drunken Italia charged upon the players and spectors with revolvers, clubs and ston Last night an Italian had been arrest for assault and battery. A number took him from the constal Last night an Italian had been arrested for assault and battery. A number of young men took him from the constable and unmercifully beat him. The Italians, hearing of this, threatened revenge. They failfilled their threat today. The first inning had just been finished when there was a pistol abot. It was followed in a few minutes by a promiscuous discharge of frearms. The court attempted to run away, but the promiscuous discharge of firearms. The crowd attempted to run away, but the Italians chased them, discharging their pistols and throwing stones. The for-eigners were almost mad with rage and blazed away incessantly until the police

arrived.

Several of the Italians were arrested and more will be taken into custody to morrow. Ward, who was catcher for the MacAdoo club, is the most seriously injured. He is lying in a hospital in a critical condition.

A Bloody Rint.

A Bloody Riot.

KNOXVILLE, Tenn., May 17.—A special to the Tribune from Bristol, says several negroes engaged in a fight this afternoon near Washington College.resulting in two being abot, one cut with an axe and one being wounded on the head, from which he will die.

The names are:

James Carson, shot twice, fatally; Sandy Pleming, shot once, perhaps fatally; Charles Carson, cut with an axe; John Patton, Siruck over the head and is dying.

is dying.

BRIEF TELEGRAMS.

Jacob Fjeldes' statue of Ole Bull was unveiled at Minneupolis yesterday. Twenty-five buildings were burned yesterday at Franklin City, Va. The loss is unknown.

The schooler Mary D. Ayer was sunk 1 collision with the steamer Onoko, 2ar Chicago, Five seamen were drowned Samuel Nizwanger, a cattle buyer, as found dead in his bubby at Dayton, hio. Mrs. Hertie MacDonald is under crest for the murder.

on, a prominent merchant store, being fired on throught an op-

FIERCELY BURNING.

The Great Forest Fires in Central West Virginia-A Half Million Dollars Al-

DAVIS, W. Va., May 17,-All day long hundreds of men from all section have bravely, but ineffectually fought the forest fires, which at 7 o'clock tonight, after continuing for forty hours are, if possible, burning more flercely

Lumbermen, who this morning estimated the probable loss at \$500,000, now state that amount has been exceeded and are unwilling to make any further predictions of the loss. The Middle Fork tract is completely wiped out, the adjoining forest is now burning with indications that the entire county, in-cluding the towns and villages, will be devastated unless a rain prevents.

shifting winds continue and the atmosphere is stifling with the smoke and heat. The women and children from the mountain villages are to-night arfuge in the larger towns. As the fire time, from no known cause, it is now thought to have been the work of incendiaries, who were prompted by revenge against the new owners.

As far as known no lumbermen other citizens have been caught in the

A SLICK FORGER

Who Operated in the Sisterville Oil Re-gion-Hotel Man the Victim. Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer. SISTERSVILLE, W. Va., May 17.—

Another forgery came to light in this city yesterday morning. For some time past this city has been a sort of mecca for gentlemen who could wield the pen in an artistic fashion and quite a num-ber of the business people have been

for gentlemen who could wield the pen in an artistic fashion and quite a number of the business people have been caught. During the present year there have been perhaps a dozen cases of forgery brought to light, but only a very few of the culprits have been apprehended.

The latest forgeries are those by a man named William Talbot, who stopped at the Arlington hotel in this city, of which Col. W. C. Turner is manager. While there he, of course, frequently saw the colonel's signature and when he went out in the Indian Creek territory to work he practiced writing it until at last he signed the name to at least two checks, one for \$44 and the other for \$50. It has also been learned that some persons who worked with the silek gentleman out in the field has also suffered to the extent of about \$100. The fellow came to this city after he had passed the checkes and finally skipped out Saturday morning, after he had gotten a tip that the game was up.

The police have notified all the authorities along the river and also the Pittsburgh police to be on the lookout for the gentlemen. He is a very slick gentleman with a pen and ink, as the signature of Colonel Turner whitten by him have but one very slight flew.

Brooke County Democrate.

Brooke County Democrats. Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer. WELLSBURG, W. Va., May 17.—Th.

WELLSBURG, W. Va. May IT.—The Democratic between glection for Brooke county was held here yesterday. The nominees are, for Sheriff day. The nominees are, for sheriff, Henry Zilliken; clerk county court, Campbell Kenn; circuit court, Ewing Campbell; assessor, Joseph Hawley; prosecuting attorney, J. C. Palmer, Jr. The Democrats of the county voted for free sliver about three to one. A small vote was polled.

PANIC AT A FIRE.

Business Portion of Bive Island, Ill., Noarly Destroyed. CHICAGO, May 17.—Nearly half the

pusiness portion of Blue Island, a suburban town, was destroyed by fire today. Altogether twenty-six buildings day. Altogether twenty-six buildings were consumed, entailing a total loss of about \$180,000. A sulfting wind was blowing almost a hurricane at the time and the fire spread rapidly. Three hundred people who were attending a dance in Saenger hall had a narrow escape from death. The building caught fire while the dance was in progress and a stampede ensued. Many persons were bruised, though none was seriously injured. The last of the escaping crowd rushed through a cloud of smoke and heard the sound of burning timbers behind them.

hind them.

In spite of the efforts of the firemen, all the buildings in Grove street, between Western avenue ind Henry street, the west side of Western avenue biween Grove and Vermont streets, and btween Grove and Vermont streets, and every building on the opposite side of Western avenue were utterly destroyed.

FIRE AT ATLANTA

Destroys a Great Amount of Valuable Property.
ATLANTA, Ga., May 17,-The most

nerious conflagration this city has experienced in ten years broke out shortly before il o'clock to-night in a block in the center of the city bounded by the tracks of the Southern rallway and Prior, Decataur and Collins streets. The Markham house adjoining the Union depot, and one of the best known hotels in the country, was totally destroyed, involving a loss of about \$75,000 on building and furniture, covered by an impurance of \$50,000. prious confingration this city has ex-

building and furniture, covered by an insurance of \$50,000.
Patterson's livery stable in which the blaze started, Patterson's undertaking establishment, a row of small rookeries on Decatur street and a half dozen on Collins street occupied by the deminance, were completely consumed. At midnight the fire had made a complete sweep of the block and was threatening to spread across Decatur street. The total loss on the Markham house block is probably about \$300,0.0, largely covered by insurance.

DEBS FOR PRESIDENT.

He is Named by the Chicago Labor Con-CHICAGO, May 17.—Eugene V. Debs

was named for the presidency of the United States by the Chicago Labor United States by the Chicago Labor Congress to-day. The resolution provoked a discussion which consumed three hours, but it was finally adopted by a slight majority. It was recited in the resolution that as the corporations, syndicates and trusts are seeking to have presidential candidates nominated who are in sympathy with the existing order of industrial things, labor, organized and unorganized, should be equally solutious that a man be nominated who is known to be friendly to workers and wealth-producers.

The Congress expressed the belief that Eugene V. Debs is best fitted to become the leader of the industrial classes.

BRASS, Coast of West Africa, May 17.

An explosion at Bida, in the Nupe-country on the Niger river, has rased to the ground the palace of the Emit Meleki and has killed two hundred peo-

MORE CYCLONES.

State of Kansas Experiences Another Disastrous Blast.

TOWN OF FRANKFORT STRUCK

And Over Sixty Buildings are Demolished Many Persons are Seriously Injured-At Sabotha Many Persons are Rendered Homeless-Particulars Hard to Learn. At Benton, Kentucky, an Entire Family is Wiped Out-News of Storms at Other

KANSAS CITY, Mo., May 17 .- Reports received here indicate that the cyclone which passed over Marshall and Nemaha counties, Kansas, late this evening, swept over an unusually large erritory, dealing death and destruction through the two counties. A dispatch to the Times from Bern, Nemaha counto the Times from Bern, Nemaha county, reports that Seneca, the county seat, was struck by a cyclone at 7 o'clock this evening. One third of the residence portion of the town was destroyed and five persons were killed and fifteen badly injured. The county's magnificent new court house, the towns big school house and the Catholic church are among the buildings wrecked.

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Five hundred of the citizens of Seneca are reported to be homeless to-night. The property loss is estimated at \$100,000. The five dead are two children of M. Everhes, two children of Mr. Connell, and a son of Peter Assemacher.

The cyclone also swept the towns of Sabeths, Nemaha county, and Frankfort. Marshall county, and the reports indicate that many other smaller settlements have suffered, but up to this hour it has been impossible to get detailed accounts of the damage.

FRANKFORT, Kansas, May 17 .-- At 5 o'clock this evening a terrific cyclone swapt down upon the town of Frankfort from the southwest. Everything in the north and west ends of the town in the north and west ends of the town was completely wrecked. Probably three score of buildings were razed to the ground. Some of the best residences of the town were blown to atoms, reports coming in from the country, where heavy damage has been done, will materially swell the loss. Many see reported painfully injured, but so far as known, no one has ben killed. Many head of horses, cattle and other stock have been killed. The Methodist and Christian churches were demolished and the Presbyterian church was badly wrecked. Scores of people who are left homoless are being cared for to-night in public halls and in the homes of the more fortunate citizens.

A funnel-shaped cyclone also struck the north part of the town of Sabotha, a small place north-east of Topeka, near the Nebruska line, late this evening, destroying the Grand Island railroad depot, and elevator and about twenty resistences.

stroying the Grand Island railroad depot, and elevator and about twenty residences. Twenty or twenty-five people were wounded, several of whom will die. Twenty families were rendered homeless, losing everything they had. The cyclone pased off towards Falls City end evidently did great damage. Owing to darkness and heavy rain, particulars are hard to obtain a hour.

Earlier in the evening a cyclone was seen to form over the town of Miltonvale, Kansas, and struck the ground a few miles out of town, but did not do much damage there. It is probable this is the same cyclone that struck Sabotha. Those most seriously injured are; Henry Kennedy, nose broken and badly bruised.

bruised.
P. Cudmore, head bruised.
P. Morean, badly hurt.
Mrs. Arthur and two children.
Jack Rodgers and Captain J. B. Todd.
The small number of casualties is
secounted for by the fact that nearly
all of the people fled to their cellars and
cyclone caves.
Reports coming in from Malis and

cyclone caves.

Reports coming in from Vieits and Seneca say the cyclone was severe at those points. The latest estimate is that fully 100 substantial buildings have been destroyed in the town and surrounding country.

Latest From Seneca.

SENECA Kas May II.—A devasta-

SENECA, Kas., May 17.-A devasta-

SENECA, Kas., May 17.—A devastating tornado passed through this city from the southwest to northeast this evening at 6:30 o'clock. Everything in its path was completely wrecked. Couriers from the country report great damage to property and probable loss of life. In this city four were killed and a number injured. The killed are a boy and a girl of M. R. Connet, a boy of M. E. Voorbees and the fifteen-year-old boy of Peter Aisenmachers. The seriously injured are: M. E. Voorbees, John Beldshaw, and Alonzo Hawley. The latter will not recover. There were many miraculous escapes from instant many miraculous escapes from instant death. The streets are impossible many miraculous escapes from instant death. The streets are impassable, blocked with debris of buildings and failen trees. The Grand Opera house is completely demolished. The roof and evest side of the \$50,000 court house are blown away and cave in and the roof of the high school building is gone. The steeples of the Methodist, Universalist and Catholic churches were scattered to the four winds. Twenty-live resiliences are rased to the ground and buildings innumerable unroofed.

At Onelda several buildings were destroyed and three children of James Sherrard killed.

The west half of the village of Baileyville was swept away but no one was

ville was swept away but no one was killed. The damage in this city is over

Another Report.

Another Report.

CONCORDIA, Kas., May II.—Another cyclone visited North Central Kansas this afternoon. It is impossible to gather the details because the telegraph wires on the Missouri Paoline and Grand Island railroads are down. The cyclone started in the northern part of Clay county, seven or eight miles south of the town of Palmer and passed in a northeasterly direction through Riley county and into Marshal and Nemisha counties. It crossed the Blue river at the junction of the Missouri Pacific and Union Pacific railroads and passed near the town of Axiel. The little hamlet of Hodaville, in Rilely county was entirely swept away. To-night several are reported killed there and many injured, but nothing can be learned definitely.

At Spring Valley, some six miles south of Barnes, the storm depolished a church in which 150 people were worshiping. Many were injured. The pastor, Rev. Mason was badly hurt. Surgical hid was asked for from Barnes and neighboring towns. The storm formed about 5 o'clock, almost in the track of the one that visited this section three weeks ago. The cyclone was followed by a heavy hall and rain storm and great damage was done to crops.

The Valley of the Blue reiver in Marshall county is one of the richest in the state and thickly populated. It is expected that reports in the morning will tell of the death of many persons and the destruction of a great deal of property.

A KENTUCKY CYCLONE.

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A KENTUCKY CYCLONE. Perrible Effects Near Benton -An Entire

Family Wiped Ont.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., May 17.—A apecial to the Courier-Journal from Benton, Ky., says: A terrible cyclone pass-

ed over the northwest corner of this county this morning about 1 o'clock, doing damage to everything in its path. At Eliva it fore down the house of Anderson Jones and killed the entire family, consisting of Jones, aged 80, his wife, aged 55, his oldest child, a son 17 years old, and two girls, one 10 and the other 12 years. Jones was a poor man and had only lived in that community about six months. Five comins were sent to Eliva to-day and the entire Jones family were burned in the same grave. The scene was visited to-day b hundreds from all the country around.

The tornado came out of Graves country, via Sympsonia, wher two stores were demolished, two churches and one school house were torn down, besides barns, etables, fences and everything

were demolished, two churches and die school house were torn down, besides barns, stables, fences and everything else in its path. There was considerable damage in other parts of the county. The damage done at Sympsonia was se-vere, but no lives were lost.

GONE TO BE CROWNED.

The Cuar and Cuarina Envents for Mos-cow-Traveling in Royal Style. ST. PETERSBURG, May 17.—The czar and czarina, with their infant daughter, the grand duchess Olga

czar and czarina, with their infant daughter, the grand duchess Olga Nicolaievna, accompanied by a numerious suite and by the whole of the imperial househeld, took their departure this evening at 5 o'clock for Moscow. The august ceremony of the coronation of the czar and czarina and the fetes which precede and follow that event, will fill up the time constantly from now until June 7, which is the date fixed upon for the return of the imperial party to St. Petersburg.

The train which carries the imperial party to the ancient capitol of Holy Russia was especially bufit throughout for this journey, and is said to be the finest that ever rode on rails. The appointments and finish of it are on a scale of magnificence in harmony with everything else conenctes with the coronation, for which the most lavish expenditure has not been spared, even for the minutest details. No speed record is attmepted with the imperial train, the safety and comfort of the august inmates being the sole considerations.

All traffic ceased over the line before the departure of the train from here and no other wheels than those of this train will run at the same time on the tracks between here and Moscow. The line before the engineering carried to build the line appeared to the crar for his orders regarding the route, he placed a ruler upon the map and drew a straight line between the two cities, thus solving the engineering cafficulties with an autocratic hand.

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To-day the four hundred miles of the line are guarded by a double guard of soldiers. Every detail of the journey and of the ceremonies in Moscow have been arranged for months, an army of officials having been engaged upon the work in this city amid much stir and excliement and also intense anxiety. To facilitate their work, wooden models were constructed of all the various buildings at Moscow in which the more important ceremonies will be enacted, exact in every proportion and relation, so that the programme of the coronation has been precisely arranged and gone through with in miniature.

The arrival of the case and ozarina at the Petrovsky palace, outside Moscow, is timed for to-morrow, which is the anniversary if his majesty's birtiday. This will be celebrated to-morrow at the Petrovsky palace, where their majesties will remain until Thrusday, May if, the date fixed for the triumphal entry of the cram into Moscow, which is to be one of the most imposing spectacles in all the cremonles attendant upon the coronation.

FINE TESTIMONIAL

Presented to the Great Violinist, Lady

Halle-Great Personages. LONDON, May 17.—At Mariborough house on Saturday, in the presence of a distinguished company, the prince of

house on Saturday, in the presence of a distinguished company, the prince of Welles, on behalf of the subscribers, presented to Lady Halle a silver ivory charlest containing the deeds to a domain and chatesu near Venice. The presentation was in commemsoration of the jubiles of the violinist, who made her debut at Vienna in 1846 as Withelmine. Norman-Neruda, she was a favorite violinist for twenty years, and in 1838 she married Sir Charles Halle, the distinguished planist.

The subscribers to the fund include the prince and princess of Welke, Princess Louise, the king and queen of Demark, the king and queen of Demark duke and duchess of York, Mr. Gladstone, Mr. Arthur Balfour, the landgrave of Hesse, Baron Revelströke, the duke of Abercorn, the duke of Westminister, Cardinal Vaughan, the archiahop of York, Sir Augustus Harris, Madame Abani, Sir Henry Irving, Sir John Millais, the late lord Leighton, Baron Rothschild and Mr. Almardedme.

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President Kruger Under Constant Pres-sure-What He Destres to De. PRETORIA, May 17.—President Keu-

preforma May 17.—President Kruger is under constant pressure to exercise his influence to hasten the decision of the executive council on the pusishment to be fletted out to the reform prisoners, whose sentences have been commuted. His own sentiment on the subject is also being constantly sought.

The president to-day consented to be interviewed by a representative of the Associated Press, and in reply to questions put to him on these subjects, he said that no one was more desirous than him of seeing a decision in regard to the sentences of the reformers expedited. A majority of the prisoners had petitioned him on Friday, he said, to substitute additional money flues for the terms of banishment and imprisonment which had been pronunced upon them. The original fine was for \$10,000 with one year's imprisonment and banishment for three years. President Kruger was most favorably inclined, he said, to this proposal to substitute fines for banishment and imprisonment.

Bank Hobbers Captured.

Spain Robbers Captared.

SPRINGFIELD, Ills., May 17.—The men who robbed the state bank of Buffalo, this county, last Thursday, have been captured and have made a full confession. They are Carl Kloppenburg, the cashier of the bank, and Joseph Kloppenburg, a drug clerk of this city, sons of August Kloppenburf, a wealthy citizen of Springfield.

Carl Kloppenburg to-day confessed to Sheriff Baxter the entire story. The stolen money was recovered.

Steamship Movements.

New York—Arrived: La Normandie Havre: Taormina, Hamburg: Prussia, Hamburg: Prussia, Hamburg: Arrived: Hamburg: Tory Island-Passed; Ethiopia, Glasgow,

for New York. Havre-Arrived: La Bourgogne, New ork. Auckland-Sailed: Alameda, San Franisco. Queenstown-Sailed: Umbria, New York.

Weather Forecast for To-day.

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For West Virginia, fair and warmer;
southerly winds.
For Western Pennayivania, generally
fair; fresh to brisk weaterly winds.
For Ohlo, fair, followed by local thunder
storms during the evening or night; fresh
and brisk southweeterly winds.